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In re Application of:

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For: A METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR PROCESSING AND SEPARATING AN
IMBRICATE FORMATION OF FLEXIBLE, FLAT OBJECTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and §§1.97 and 1.98 as amended, Applicant cites and provides copies of the following art references:

European Patent Publication No. 1086914 B1 to Hänsch, entitled *DEVICE FOR TRANSPORTING FLEXIBLE AND FLAT PRODUCTS*, published on 28 March 2001 pertains to a device for the transport of flat products from a stationary stack positioned in a receiving location to a dispensing location. The device comprises a separating member, as well as a support element and a holding member which are arranged running around a shaft. The products are gripped individually, separated and transferred to a means which serves for the conveying-away.

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement earlier filed on 12 September 2003 inadvertently lists an incorrect European patent publication, namely, item

9, European Patent Publication No. 1096914 B1. This is an inadvertent clerical error, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to disregard this patent reference cited in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed on 12 September 2003.

In addition, Applicant notes a typographical error in the previously filed PTO-1449, that is, WO00/46135 was cited as WO00/46132. Accordingly, that patent is again cited in the present PTO-1449, a copy of the reference also attached, and the relevancy to the present application repeated herein.

PCT International Patent Publication No. WO 00/46135 to Leu, entitled *DEVICE FOR UNSTACKING A PILE OF FLAT OBJECTS, ESPECIALLY PRINTING PRODUCTS*, published on 10 August 2000 pertains to a device for reducing a stack of flat objects, in particular, printer's products. By way of a lifting means, the respective uppermost printed sheet is lifted from a stack and brought into the active region of a conveyor belt which serves for leading away the printed sheets in the form of an imbricate flow.

The citation of the foregoing references is not intended to constitute an assertion that other or more relevant art does not exist. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to make a wide-ranging and thorough search of the relevant art.

No fee is incurred by this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

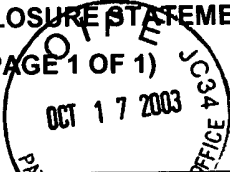
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TRANSLATION

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	YES	NO
EP1086914 B1	3/01	European Patent Office				
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